

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice TB-963

For: Flue-Cured Tobacco State and County Offices

Curing-Barn Insulation Certification Program

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A

Background

For the past 3 years, the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation (Stabilization) has conducted a barn insulation certification program with the assistance of FSA.

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Purpose

This notice provides:

- authority for County Offices to aid Stabilization in administering the 2000 Barn Insulation Certification Program
- procedures for implementing the certification at the County Office level.

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Contact

Direct questions about the certification program to Stabilization at 919-821-4560.

Disposal Date

September 1, 2000

Distribution

Flue-Cured Tobacco State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices

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2 Action

A Stabilization Action

Stabilization shall:

- publicize the certification program
 - provide 2000 certification forms to the applicable County Offices by May 15, 2000, with the 2000 operator name, address, and FSN
 - provide County Offices with a copy of the certification form that is mailed directly to Stabilization
 - provide warehouses with a list of uncertified farms, when necessary.
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B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- obtain signatures on 3-part certification forms and return to Stabilization
- record FSN changes manually on the certification form
- when MQ-76's are issued, FAX a list of the following to Stabilization:
 - operator's name and address
 - FSN
 - warehouse designation of any "No Certification" MQ-76's.

Note: The FAX number is 919-821-4564.

C Work Measurement Reporting

Work measurement County Offices shall report all time associated with this activity under work item 1201.

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Farm Operator Action

Flue-cured tobacco farm operators shall certify that the tobacco for marketing in 2000 will not:

- come in contact with polystyrene or fiberglass insulation material in the curing chamber of any curing barns used to cure tobacco produced on the farm

Note: In contact with means any physical contact with exposed or loose insulation material.

- contain any foreign insulation materials.

Flue-cured tobacco offered for marketing from a farm without a certification will:

- receive a “No Certification” designation
- have a price support loan rate of 0.

Note: MQ-76’s issued for these farms will be annotated “No Certification”. Each tobacco lot will be noted “No Certification” by the auction warehouse.

Flue-cured tobacco producers are urged to inspect their curing barns for any exposed or loose insulation material.
